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LB 901, 984, 1207, 1222, 1223, 1310
LR 346, 347

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bohlke has amendments to be printed to LB 1310, Senator Withem to LB 984, Senator Pirsch to LB 1207 and to LB 901. (See pages 1308-09 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new resolutions, LR 346 and LR 347 offered by Senator Landis, calling for interim studies. Both will be referred to the Executive Board. (See pages 1309-10 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, a proposed rules change by Senator Beutler. That will be referred to the Rules Committee for the committee's consideration. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See page 1310 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1223 was a bill introduced by Senator Wesely and others at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) It was introduced on January 19 of this year, referred to the Health Committee for public hearing. The committee advanced the bill to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, to introduce the committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it's a pleasure to bring to you LB 1223, a bill introduced on behalf of the Governor to address a number of concerns in our health care system in the State of Nebraska. I've passed out for you a summary of some of the key elements of the bill and just before we start in on the committee amendments let me tell you that the first key element of the bill deals with quality issues of health care by enhancing our health care discipline system. The second element of the bill focuses on immunization for children and is a companion to elements of LB 1222 dealing with health insurance reform. The third element of the bill deals with incentives to have more of our health professionals in rural areas of the State of Nebraska and then with the committee amendments three other areas are added to the bill as well to help deal with some concerns with the health care system that we have in place. Starting through this very quickly to summarize what the committee amendments do. First off is the key issue of the discipline system and currently the